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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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25X1 1. the Artillerie Kaserne in Perleberg was not yet reoccupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery in-
25X1 signia. observe any heavy weapons. 6 trucks 25X1
left the installation toward the airfield, and 2 trucks and 2 officers were seen in front of a garage in the barracks area. The windows of the quartering building on Lindenstrasse were open. the installation 25X1
25X1 was being cleaned. all garages were 25X1
occupied by trucks.

25X1 2. the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied about 75 percent by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 13 October, two trucks loaded with straw were seen en route toward the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, coming from the town. About 15 soldiers were filling straw matresses behind the installation. The detached buildings appeared to be vacant. At about 9:30 a.m. on
25X1 about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation for the Artillerie Kaserne. small groups of soldier25X1
totalling about 56 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including about 75 percent with artillery insignia, left the installation toward the
25X1 25X1 town. the detached buildings were occupied; uniformed women entered and left these buildings; and 4 officers were en route between these buildings and the Fliegerhorst Kaserne.

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4. [redacted] about 250 troops with infantry weapons, billeting equipment and baggage were loaded on boxcars, and 10 trucks and 1 tank chassis on flatcars with sideracks at the Perleberg railroad station. The shipment left toward Pritzwalk.

5. [redacted] 10 tanks passed through Perleberg, proceeding toward Ludwigslust.

6. [redacted] the Artillerie Kaserne was heavily occupied. Sentries there wore red-bordered black epaulets. The noise of many soldiers was heard from the barracks area. [redacted] determined that Lieutenant Colonel Salmin (fnu) had been transferred and had been succeeded by Colonel Kusnetsov. [redacted]

7. [redacted] one Komarov (fnu) as supply officer in the Soviet hospital in Perleberg.

8. [redacted] the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was heavily occupied. Between [redacted] General Kozikov (fnu) was stationed in the installation. [redacted] Colonel Ananiyev (fnu) left for the USSR. He was succeeded by Colonel Okulov (fnu). Other officers in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne included one Melnikov, successor of Lieutenant Colonel Drapachenko (fnu); Vasiliyev, Polechuk, Babenko, Vyazovoi, Syemin, Zachkov and Shumelkov (all fnu). [redacted] Unit Khasan transferred to Ludwigslust. [redacted]

9. [redacted] the building, which previously housed the farmhands of the estate, was being reconstructed at a cost of 16,000 eastmarks. The building was to quarter officers' billets.

1. [redacted] Comment. For information on the distribution of the units of the 18th Mecz Div after the reoccupation of the two installations, see [redacted] the 58th Mecz Regt with the tank battalion and heavy weapons had been observed entering the installation. The Infanterie Kaserne, therefore, should have been occupied to capacity on [redacted] The position of division commander appeared to have been vacant with the abovementioned division since the winter of 1951/52. General Kozikov (fnu) and Colonel Okulov (fnu) who are mentioned for the first time, possibly became division commander and chief of staff respectively, with the latter succeeding Colonel Ananiyev. Khasan (fnu) without rank, is also mentioned for the first time. This unit probably transferred to Ludwigslust in exchange for the units of the division, which, from there, transferred to Perleberg. All other officers are known from previous reports.

2. [redacted] Comment. It is possible that, [redacted] a shipment of stragglers of the 119th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 18th Mecz Div from Wittstock to Ludwigslust was observed. If, however, the shipment was loaded in Perleberg, tanks of the 120th Mtrcl Bn of the division may have been involved. The battalion may be identical with Unit Khasan which, according to [redacted] transferred to Ludwigslust [redacted] went from Perleberg to Dranse, the railroad station of the Wittstock troop training grounds.

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